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Dear Sir:

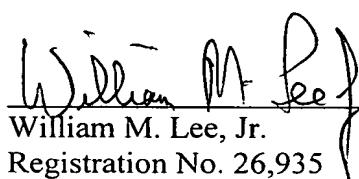
An Office Action of April 21, 2000 has been received, but the Office Action is unclear. Clarification is requested.

In numbered paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the examiner addresses Claims 1 - 8 and 12. However, in the comments following that paragraph, the examiner has also identified Claims 13 and 22. It is unclear from the examiner's comments whether Claims 13 and 22 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, or not.

It is requested that the examiner properly clarify the record so that an appropriate response can be filed with the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,



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